

SENATE RESOLUTION 17  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary F. Harvey of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should  
recognize citizens who are valuable assets of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey is one such notable person, who has dedicated her life to her  
family and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a  
great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, born on February 22, 1917, Mary Harvey has lived in Memphis since she  
was one month old; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey received her diploma from Booker T. Washington High School;  
and

WHEREAS, because of her profound love for education, Mrs. Harvey was an employee  
of the Memphis Board of Education, which she served with alacrity and acuity for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey has served in several parent teacher organizations, including  
LaRose, A.B. Hill and Orleans Elementary Schools, Lincoln Junior High School, and Booker T.  
Washington and Southside High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey has also served with distinction as an election official for the  
Memphis/Shelby County Election Commission for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey is an active and devout member of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, where she is the oldest member in service. She has served as a Steward, President Emeritus of the Missionary Society and as Church Secretary for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey has been a recipient of several awards including selection as Layman of the Year at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church and Mother of the Year by the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, she also holds life memberships at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the parent teacher organization; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey was joined in holy matrimony with Willie M. Harvey, Sr. for 30 years before his untimely death, and the couple's happy union produced twelve children; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harvey is most proud of the success of her children, who excel in various fields ranging from medicine to politics; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey enjoys the loving companionship she shares with her eighteen grandchildren and her four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Mrs. Mary F. Harvey on her many years of exemplary service to Memphis and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.